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SUBJ: MAP FOR ETHIOPIA

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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (CPD) FOR FY 1978 IS LIKELY BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS SOON. AS DEPT AND DOD AWARE, THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR MAP FOR ETHIOPIA. REFTEL, HOWEVER, HAS CONSTRAINED US FROM MAKING THIS FACT KNOWN TO ETHIOPIANS WHO WILL THEREFORE PRESUMABLY LEARN FOR FIRST TIME THAT THEY NO LONGER INCLUDED WHEN DOCUMENT IS PRESENTED UNLESS WE TELL THEM SO IN ADVANCE OR UNLESS THE DOCUMENT IS NOT IN FACT MADE PUBLIC FOR SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OR OTHER REASONS.

2. ETHIOPIANS, OF COURSE, NOT LIKELY BE PLEASED WHEN THEY FIND OUT AND WILL CERTAINLY READ OMISSION AS SIGNAL OF USG INTENTIONS TOWARD THIS COUNTRY. PROBLEM COMPLICATED RIGHT NOW BY LACK OF ANY INDICATION RE AMMO REQUEST, PLUS TROUBLED ADDIS/ETHIOPIAN SCENE. WHILE PROJECTING OUTWARD CALM, EPMG ALMOST CERTAINLY FEELS ITSELF BELEAGURED ON ALL SIDES AND IS APT TO REACT EVEN MORE NEGATIVELY THAN USUAL TO BAD NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

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THEY MAY ALSO CONCLUDE THAT OMISSION INCREASES THEIR NEED TO TURN ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY TO EASTERN COUNTRIES WHOM THEY ALREADY ASSIDUOUSLY COURTING.

3. WE ARE NOT SURE HOW BEST TO BREAK NEWS TO THEM, I.E., WHETHER TO INFORM THEM IN ADVANCE OR LET THEM LEARN ABOUT IT FROM CPD. EITHER WAY WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS

UNLESS WE CAN GIVE THEM SOME GOOD NEWS AT SAME TIME,
SPECIFICALLY THAT WE ARE MOVING AHEAD ON AMMO REQUEST.
EVEN THIS WILL NOT OVERCOME THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT
IT WOULD HELP.

4. WE WOULD APPRECAITE STATUS REPORT OF CPD SOONEST
FOR OUR OWN INFO, AND ANY THOUGHTS DEPT MAY HAVE. WHILE
WE SEE NO EASY WAY OUT, BY PREFERENCE WE THINK IT BETTER
TO TELL ETHIOPIANS BEFORE THEY LEARN OF IT VIA BACK
DOOR, BUT IF WE DO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SAY SOMETHING
ENCOURAGING TO THEM ABOUT AMMO REQUEST AT SAME TIME.
THEY WILL, OF COURSE, IN ANY CASE, WANT TO KNOW
RATIONALE FOR OMISSION.

4. FYI - ADDITIONAL REASON FOR CONSIDERING WHETHER
TO TELL THEM ANYTHING NOW IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THEY
MAY BE IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING BUDGET FOR THEIR OWN
FY 78 BEGINNING JULY ONE. IN ABSENCE ANY INFO TO
CONTRARY, WE WOULD SUPPOSE THEY WILL FIGURE IN MAP
AS THEY HAVE DONE IN PAST. END FYI.

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